

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Sep. 27	5:00 PM	For †Mary Jo Schmiade [from Mark & Donna Freihofer]
Sun. Sep. 28	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Sep. 29	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Sep. 30	8:00 AM	For †Len Cooper
Wed. Oct. 1	8:00 AM	For the Mayer Family (L&†) [from Samantha Stange]
Thur. Oct. 2	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Oct. 3	8:00 AM	For Caroline Rawe (L) [First Friday: confessions after Mass]
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Oct. 4	5:00 PM	For †John Jackson [from Kathy & Joe Bach]
Sun. Oct. 5	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Rosanne Rawe, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Alyssa Baker, and Lena Bach.

BIRTHDAYS—, Sep. 29-Owen Rawe, Oct. 3-Amy Redmond, Oct. 7-George Mayleben, Oct. 9-Magdalene Haley, Oct. 15-Cadence Ryan, Oct. 16-Aubrey Hummel, Oct. 21-Andrea Hummel, Oct. 24-Bob Huffman, Oct. 24-Macy Ann Huffman, Oct. 26-Andy Hummel, Oct. 26-Grace Hensley, Oct. 27-Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28-Penny Kluesener, Oct. 28-Celia Cooper, Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder.

ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 23-Tom and Darlene Schutte

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:
Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:
Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers
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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

DPAA—The new DPAA campaign is still underway! Our parish's goal for this year is \$13,400. As of July 31, we have received \$11,485 in donations and commitments. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

CHURCH CLEANING—Patty Neuspickel is heading up the monthly cleaning crew. We are down to a very few who are cleaning so if you have any free time, please see Patty to determine what needs to be done and if you would like to volunteer. It is once a week for a month. You pick the days. Patty can be reached at 859-322-3491.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD SIGN UPS— There are Sunday School sign up sheets on the desk in the hallway of church. You may return it to Lindsay Rawe after filling it out. CCD will start next Sunday, October 5.

RETURN WORKSHOP—There will be a six-session workshop guided by the book *Return* by Brandon Vogt at the Curia in Bishop Howard Auditorium beginning at 6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 23. If you feel called to help lapsed Catholics find their way back to the Church, this may help you help them. The workshop teaches you how to help them. Statistics say that only 7% of young adults who were raised Catholic actively practice the faith! With your help, maybe we can open their eyes to what they have been missing. To register or get more information, call Gerry Otto at 513-322-9783 or email GerryOtto.PMD@gmail.com.

LECTOR— Sep. 28-Jesse Rawe, Oct. 5-Brad Cooper

CLEANING – Oct.-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper



FROM THE PASTOR—A PERSONAL UPDATE

It is always difficult to announce changes or personal matters. You are probably like me in wanting to keep changes to a minimum and keep personal matters out of the spotlight. Yet that is impossible to do for a public person like a priest. Our lives are rather public and affect people in a multitude of ways we may not even know. So when a change happens for a priest, it cannot be a private matter but must be announced.

As you may recall when I went on my leave this summer, I have had an interest in the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri. Saint Philip (1515-1595) gathered priests together to live in community for the work of sanctifying the laity. Distinct from regular religious orders, those who enter the Oratory do not take vows but promise to live in a bond of charity and pledge themselves to the work of the Oratory, usually involving parishes. After personal prayer and discernment, I acquired permission from Bishop Iffert to begin a more intense process of discernment, which included making visits to various houses. After further prayer and my visit in July, I applied to the Oratory and was admitted, contingent upon the permission of the bishop. The bishop on Friday gave me permission to leave on October 7, which means next weekend will be my last weekend with all of you here. My replacement has not been named yet.

I have now spent half of my priesthood here at Saint Matthew, between my first year and my current time as your pastor—six years out of twelve total. This has been the longest post of my priesthood, and the first to go beyond two years at a time. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve you here at Saint Matthew during this time. I have never been more welcomed or accepted among all the parishes and communities I have served but here. You all have been a blessing to me as well as a help to my growth in Christ as a priest and as one of His disciples.

I do not want you to feel as if you have wronged me in any way so as to cause me to make this decision. I have been blessed to be here and would remain here if it was God's will. Yet the Spirit moves where He wants to, as the saying goes. Saint Philip's life was shaped by the action of the Holy Spirit, and so has mine. I will miss all of you as I begin this new chapter of my life. You will remain in my prayers and Mass intentions as you have been during my entire time here. Please pray for me, and for the fulfillment of God's will in all of this. May we never be far from each other in the Sacred Heart of our Lord!

Rev. Jacob Straub

P.S. A big thank you to everyone who helped out with and attended the festival last Sunday! While we had a bit of wild weather there midday, it was overall a fantastic time for everyone. Another fantastic time for chicken dinners and good fun!